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CANDLEMAS

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AT THE BLESSING OF CANDLES

standing

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lord, holy, Father almighty everlasting God, who hast created all things out of nothing, and by thy command hast made this liquid through the labours of bees to come to the perfection of wax: who didst likewise on this day fulfil the petition of the just man Simeon: we humbly pray thee; that through the invocation of thy most holy Name, and the intercession of blessed Mary ever-Virgin, whose festival we this day devoutly celebrate, and through the prayers of all thy Saints, thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless and sanctify these candles for the use of men, and for their protection in body and soul, on land or on water: and that from thy holy heaven, and from the throne of thy majesty, thou wouldest hearken to the voice of this thy people, that seeketh to bear them forth in their hands to thine honour and to sing thy praises: and we beseech thee to have mercy on all that call upon thee, whom thou hast redeemed with the Precious Blood of thy Son: who liveth.

Almighty and everlasting God, who on this day didst present thine only-begotten Son in thy holy temple, to be received in the arms of Saint Simeon: we humbly implore thy mercy: that thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless, sanctify, and kindle with the light of thy heavenly benediction these candles, which we thy servants, receiving to the glory of thy name, desire to kindle and bear forth: to the intent that we, being made worthy by offering them unto thee, our Lord and our God, and being enkindled with the holy fire of thy most gracious charity, may be found meet to be presented in the holy temple of thy glory. Through.

O Lord Jesu Christ, the true light, that lightenest every man that cometh into this world: pour forth thy blessing upon these candles, and sanctify them with the light of thy grace, and mercifully grant, that even as these lights, kindled with invisible fire, that is, by the brightness of the Holy Spirit, may be delivered from all blindness of iniquity: that, the eyes of our understanding being enlightened, we may discern such things as are pleasing unto thee and profitable for our salvation; so that finally after the darkness and dangers of this world, we may be found meet to attain unto the light everlasting. Through.

Almighty and everlasting God, who through thy servant Moses didst command the purest liquid of oil to be prepared for the lamps to burn continually before thy face: mercifully pour upon these candles the grace of the benediction: that as they shed forth their outward light, so, by thy grace, the light of thy Spirit may continually shine within our souls. Through.

O Lord Jesu Christ, who on this day, appearing among men in substance of our flesh, was presented by thy parents in the temple: whom the old man, Simeon, the venerable, illumined by the light of thy Spirit, acknowledged,

received and blessed: mercifully grant; that we, being enlightened and instructed by the grace of the same Holy Spirit, may truly know thee and faithfully love thee: who livest and reignest.

The candles are sprinkled with Holy Water, then censed. After the candles have been blessed, hand candles are given out to the Altar Party. The people should NOW come to the kneeler to receive their hand candles, kneeling as for Holy Communion. Having received them, they return to their pews. During this, the Choir sing:

Antiphon. Luke 2.32

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Canticle:

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. *Antiphon.* A light to lighten the Gentiles. *Antiphon.* For mine eyes have seen thy salvation. *Antiphon.* Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. *Antiphon.* Glory be. *Antiphon.* As it was. *Antiphon.* A light.

Antiphon. Ps. 44:26

O Lord, arise, and help us: and deliver us for thy name's sake. O God, we have heard with our ears: our fathers have declared unto us. V. Glory be... *Antiphon*

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, hearken unto thy people: and vouchsafe, that this observance, wherein thou sufferest us to do thee outward honour year by year, may by the light of thy grace bring forth fruit in our souls. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

AT THE PROCESSION

Priest: Let us proceed in peace.

All: ✠In the Name of Christ. Amen.

The hand candles will be lighted before the procession and held during it by all. The congregation remain in place. Please mind be the flame – mind not to catch your service paper on fire or drop the candle on the pew cushion!

Antiphon

It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ: and when they brought the Child into the Temple, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace.

HYMN "When candles are lighted" *later in this paper*

Lourdes Pilgrim Hymn

AT THE MASS

HYMN 115

Old Hundred Twentieth

Introit *(The sign of the cross is made at the beginning of the Introit.)*

We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple: / according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end: *thy right hand is full of righteousness. Ps.* Great is the Lord and highly to be praised: *in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.* Glory be. *As it was. We have waited.*

Kyrie eleison *Hornmesse*

Franz Xaver Gruber

Gloria in excelsis

Gruber

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh: so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest.

For the Epistle *seated*

Malachi 3:1-5

Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years. And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

Gradual

We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple: *according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end.* V. Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of our God: *even upon his holy hill.*

Tract

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. *For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation.* Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people. *To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

Gospel

standing

Luke 2:22-40

AT THAT TIME: When the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

HYMN “When Mary brought her treasure” *insert sheet*

Mariazell

Sermon

Father Swain

During the Creed, which is quite short, the Celebrant (and indeed all of you!) should say the Creed from the Mass Booklet to ourselves. When the Celebrant genuflects, he is at the Incarnation, and the congregation should genuflect as usual then. We occasionally have the concert Credo, and normally would sit down but this setting (in German) is very short.

Credo

standing

Gruber

Offertory

Full of grace are thy lips: *because God hath blessed thee forever.*

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HYMN 116

Bedford

Preface of the Holy Nativity

Sanctus & Benedictus

Gruber

The Canon of the Mass

kneeling

Our Father

Hymnal 722

Agnus Dei

Gruber

Communion

It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Spirit: *that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Anointed.*

Hail, Gladdening Light

Charles Wood

Post Communion *standing*

We beseech thee, O Lord our God: that these holy mysteries, which thou hast given to us for the assurance of our redemption, may, by the intercession of blessed Mary ever-Virgin, both in this life and in that which is to come, be profitable for the healing of our souls. Through.

Marian Dismissal

V. Ite, missa est.

R. Deo gratias.

Blessing

kneeling

The Last Gospel

standing

NEW MARIAN HYMNAL 14

Clerkenwell

The St Blasius Day Blessing of Throats will be offered immediately after this hymn. The text is “At the intercession of St Blasius may the Lord deliver thee from all afflictions of the throat and from every affliction in the Name of the Father, and of the

Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.” Please come forward after the hymn and kneel at the communion rails to receive this blessing.

NOTES

You will note that violet is worn for the procession, which is a lustral procession, recalling the entrance of Our Lady into the Temple to be ritually cleansed and to thank God for her safe delivery. As a result, it is not a festal procession as on other of her feasts in white or blue vestments, but a penitential one whose colour is purple. It is also the reason that the procession begins with an antiphon. The Mass, of course, is a festal Mass of Our Lady. In a liturgical curiosity, if this feast fall on a Sunday which is during Pre-Lent, the blessing of the Candles and procession *must* still take place on the 2nd, preceding the Mass of the day, whilst the feast day Mass is transferred to Monday. If the feast occurs on a Sunday after Epiphany, it takes precedence over the Sunday entirely. These occurrences happen very rarely.

On Marian feasts here, we often follow the ancient Spanish custom and wear blue vestments for the Mass. Our High Mass blue set is a gorgeous product of a Spanish studio made for us, but alas we have no other sacred ministers tonight. The vestments in use to-night were made to the Rector’s design by Sacra Domus Aurea in Sardinia, who have done several lovely things for us over the years, of which this is but the latest.



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LOURDES

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French traditional melody
Harmony by Gregory Murray, OSB 1905-92

Refrain

WHEN candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
 The dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.
*A glory dawns in every dark place,
 The light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

CANDLEMAS

- 2 The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,
The child and his parents are left on their own.
- 3 They go to the temple, obeying the law,
And offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.
- 4 But Anna and Simèon recognise there
The Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.
- 5 The old who have suffered and waited so long
See hope for the world as they welcome the young.
- 6 They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
The joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.
- 7* The light is increasing and spring's in the air.
Look back with thanksgiving! Look forward with awe!
- 8* They see before Mary a heart-piercing grief,
But trust is complete at the end of their life.
- 9* For Mary will follow, with tears in her eyes,
Her Saviour and Son to the foot of the cross.
- 10* O Spirit of God, with like courage inspire
Your everyday saints who face up to despair.
- 11* They pass through temptation, through failure, through death.
When darkness descends they plod onward in faith.
- 12* Like Anna, like Simèon, may they have trust,
The eyes to see Jesus, and peace at the last.
- 13 The candles invite us to praise and to pray
When Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.

ELIZABETH COSNETT b 1936

Suitable for use in procession

Saints' Days and Holy Days

The Purification

February 2

OLD HUNDRED TWENTIETH

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Melody from THOMAS EST'S
Whole Book of Psalmes, 1592*In moderate time*

1 Hail to the Lord who comes, Comes to his tem - ple gate;
2 But, borne up - on the throne Of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,

Not with his an - gel host, Not in his king - ly state;
Watched by her du - teous love, In her fond arms at rest,

No shouts pro-claim him nigh, No crowds his com - ing wait;
Thus to his Fa - ther's house He comes, the heav'n - ly guest. A-men.

3 There Joseph at her side
In rev'rent wonder stands;
And, filled with holy joy,
Old Simeon in his hands
Takes up the promised child,
The glory of all lands.

4 O Light of all the earth,
Thy children wait for thee!
Come to thy temples here,
That we, from sin set free,
Before thy Father's face
May all presented be! Amen.

When Mary Brought Her Treasure

MARIAZELL

mel. *Psalterium Harmonicum* (1642); arr. *Church Hymnary* (2005)

Jan Struther

1901-1953

When Ma - ry brought her trea - sure Un - to the ho - ly
Then Si - meon on him gaz - ing, With won - der and with
And she, all sor - row scorn - ing, Re - joiced in Je - sus'
As by the sun in splen - dour The flags of night are

place, No eye of man could mea - sure The joy up - on her
love, His a - ged voice up - rais - ing, Gave thanks to God a -
fame, The child her arms a - dorn - ing Shone soft - ly like a
furled, So dark - ness shall sur - ren - der To Christ who lights the

face. He was but six weeks old, Her play - thing and her
bove: "Now wel - come, sweet re - lease! For I, my Sav - iour
flame That burns the long night through, And keeps from dusk till
world: To Christ the star of day, Who once was small and

plea - sure, Her sil - ver and her gold.
prais - ing, May die at last in peace.
morn - ing Its vi - gil clear and true.
ten - der, A can - dle's gen - tle ray.

Saints' Days and Holy Days


The Purification

C. M.


BEDFORD

Moderately slow


WILLIAM WHEALL, 1723



1 O Si - on, o - pen wide thy gates, Let sym - bols dis - ap - pear;
2 No more the sim - ple flock shall bleed; Be - hold, the Fa - ther's Son



A priest and vic - tim, both in one, The Truth him - self, is here.
Him - self to his own al - tar comes For sin - ners to a - tone. A - men.



3 Conscious of hidden deity,
The lowly virgin brings
Her new-born babe, with two young doves,
Her humble offerings.

4 The aged Simeon sees at last
His Lord, so long desired,
And Anna welcomes Israel's hope,
With holy rapture fired.

5 But silent knelt the mother blest
Of the yet silent Word,
And pond'ring all things in her heart,
With speechless praise adored.

6 All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
While endless ages run. Amen.

JEAN BAPTISTE DE SANTEÜIL, 1680;
Tr. EDWARD CASWALL, 1849, *alt.*

St. Matthias

February 24

136 Let us now our voices raise

Ave Maria, O Maiden, O Mother

CLERKENWELL

Laurence Ampleforth (?pseud. Sir Richard Runciman Terry, 1865-1938)

The Westminster Hymnal (1912)

attr. to "Sister M."

Sunday School Hymn Book (1907)

1. A - ve Ma - ri - a! O Mai - den, O Moth - er, Fond - ly thy
2. A - ve Ma - ri - a! The night shades are fal - ling, Soft - ly our
3. A - ve Ma - ri - a! Thy child - ren are kneel - ing, Words of en -
4. A - ve Ma - ri - a! Thou por - tal of Heav - en, Har - bour of

child - ren are cal - ling on thee. Thine are the gra - ces un -
voi - ces a - rise un - to thee, Earth's lone - ly ex - iles for
dear - ment are mur - mured to thee: Soft - ly thy spi - rit up -
re - fuge, to thee do we flee; Lost in the dark - ness, by

claimed by an - o - ther, Sin - less and beau - ti - ful Star of the Sea!
suc - cour are cal - ling, Sin - less and beau - ti - ful Star of the Sea!
on us is steal - ing, Sin - less and beau - fi - ful Star of the Sea!
stor - my winds dri - ven, Shine on our path - way, fair Star of the Sea!

Ma - ter A - ma - bi - lis, o - ra pro no - bis! Pray for thy

This system contains the first two lines of the hymn. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

chil - dren who call up - on thee; A - ve Sanc - tis - si - ma! A - ve pur -

This system contains the third and fourth lines of the hymn. The musical notation continues on the same staves as the first system. The lyrics 'chil - dren who call up - on thee;' are followed by a semicolon, then 'A - ve Sanc - tis - si - ma!' and 'A - ve pur -'. The melody features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

is - si - ma! Sin - less and beau - ti - ful, Star of the Sea.

This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of the hymn. The musical notation concludes on the same staves. The lyrics 'is - si - ma! Sin - less and beau - ti - ful, Star of the Sea.' end with a double bar line. The melody uses quarter, eighth, and half notes.